



SENATE RESOLUTION #2266

TITLE: Instructional Technology Maintenance
DATE: December 1, 2009
AUTHOR: Senator Fournier
SPONSORS: Senators Wiebers and Anderson

1. WHEREAS, instructional technology, including computers, projectors, and sound
2. equipment, is out of date or non-functional in some classrooms; and
3. WHEREAS, the students of the University of Wyoming would benefit from functional and
4. modern classroom technology; and
5. WHEREAS, the Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC) and its college branch
6. committees are responsible for disbursement of technology fees collected from students; and
7. WHEREAS, these committees are unable to allocate money toward instructional technology
8. due to limitations in their operational guidelines; and
9. WHEREAS, all technology fee committees enjoy student representation;
10. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
11. support a revision to the operational guidelines of the CSTC that reflects the provisions
12. outlined in Addendum A.

Referred to: Academics and Technology Committee

Date of Passage: 02/16/10 **Signed:** _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” _____

VETO
ASUW President

Addendum A

First and foremost, ~~one hundred percent~~ of the funds generated by the student computer fee will be used to support student computer facilities for the University of Wyoming's student body. If funds remain after all suitable student computer facility requests are supported, funds may be allocated to support classroom instructional technology at the discretion of the college technology fee committees.

To: ASUW Senators
From: President Haigler *M.H.*
CC: Vice President Hunzie, Matt Caires, Kristy Isaak, Lisa Augustin
Date: 3/2/2010
Re: Explanation of Veto of Senate Resolution #2266

In accordance with the ASUW By-Laws Section 1, Subsection D, Clause 2, I hereby inform the ASUW Senate that I have used my authority to veto Senate Resolution #2266 for the reasons outline below.

- The Senate had very little discussion and thoughtful evaluation as to the potential long term and wide ranging consequences a resolution of this nature would have. Given the significant change in policy I believe this matter warrants a more thorough discussion about how student dollars are to be used.
- The current and historic policy of the committee is to use the funds only to support student computing facilities where it is clear that the primary user of any computer station is a student of the University of Wyoming. While these fees are not governed in the same manner as the “mandatory student fees” accessed by units such as ASUW, Campus Recreation and the Union I believe that a similar philosophy should be applied to how these funds are used. That philosophy would be that student fees are collected for the sole purpose of supporting direct student needs that do not relate to academic activities or academic facilities (such as classrooms). This resolution fundamentally changes this policy and I believe may provide precedence for the use of fee dollars for academic units and facilities.
- The resolution states that only “excess” funds should be used to support technology improvements in classrooms once all student computing needs are met. In my opinion it is impossible for the University to ever meet all of the student computing needs on campus even with nearly an unlimited budget. The second issue with this idea is that if the committee truly believes that they can meet all of the student computing needs with less money than they are collecting then the fee they are leveling on students is too high and should be reduced. Rather than finding new ways to spend “excess” funds the committee should either spend all of the money they collect for the purpose the funds were collected or it should evaluate the amount that is being collected.
- At the November meeting of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees the Board approved a campus wide 5% tuition increase for FY11 and FY12 for the specific purpose of supporting the University of Wyoming Libraries and Institutional Excellence Funds. It was my understanding that the “excellence funds” would be used to enhance classroom teaching and lab equipment. In my opinion classroom technology improvements directly fit the spirit and intent of the recent tuition increases approved by the Board of Trustees and therefore the funds collected for student computing needs should not be used to fund enhancements to classroom instructional technology.